



## Outreach DIY Serving

**Organization:** Bridge of Hope

**Project:** Toiletry Kits

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### IMPACT

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[In 2019, there were 1,031 homeless on a given night in St. Louis City.](#) Contrary to stereotypes, there are many factors that contribute to homelessness such as: [lack of affordable housing, health, racial disparities, and domestic violence.](#) Read more about these factors and then consider what it might be like to work full time at minimum wage, but have so many other obstacles that cause stable housing to be just beyond your reach.

[Bridge of Hope](#) serves The Ville community in North City with a multitude of resources including showers and laundry machines. When you provide the essentials needed to stay clean and healthy you are giving people tools for building dignity.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

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**Step 1:** In order to make an impact, we have to first understand the need. Take a few minutes, using the links above, to understand more about homelessness.

**Step 2:** Now that we understand the need, [let's see what the Bible says.](#)

**Step 3:** Register your participation [here](#) so we can measure the collective impact on our city.

**Step 4:** Review the shopping list and instructions below. New items only please. Feel free to invite others (neighbors, co-workers, small group, etc.) to donate as well.

**Shopping List:** Travel-sized items: soap, shampoo, razor, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloth

**Toiletry Bag Instructions:** Place all travel-sized items in a quart-sized closable ziploc bag.

**Step 5:** As you prepare your items, pray for the individuals who will come through the doors of Bridge of Hope. Pray for the staff to bring hope and love and to restore dignity and stability for the unhoused in St. Louis.

**Step 6:** Contact Lydia Boda at [Lydia@bridgeofhopestl.org](mailto:Lydia@bridgeofhopestl.org) to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

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### FUN IDEAS

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- After you drop off your donations, head to Mom's Soul Food for some delicious fried chicken or their signature cobbler!
- Take pictures and post them to social media using #forthelou.